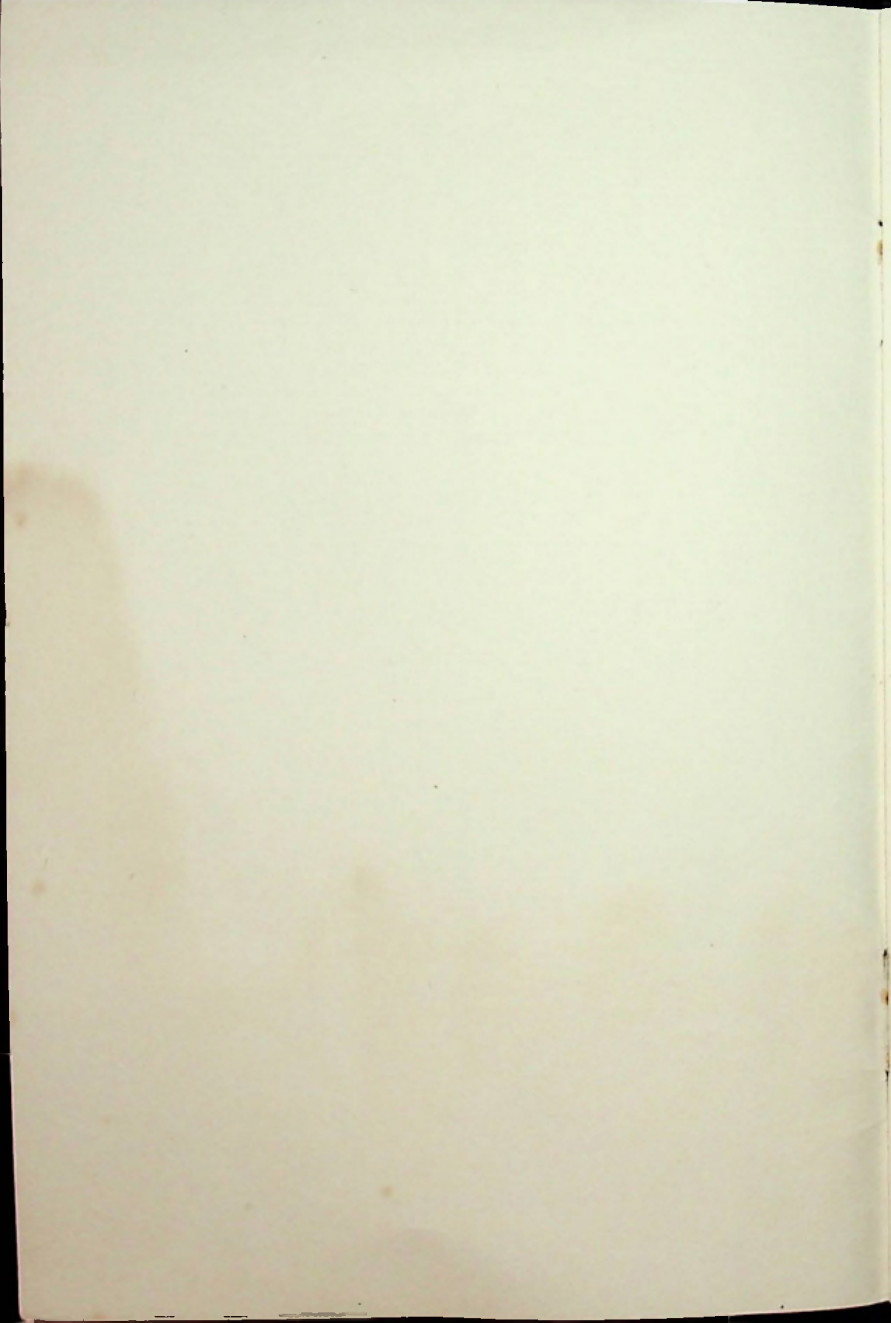


A SERVICE
OF
THANKSGIVING

Held in St. George's Chapel, Windsor
on Saturday, July 4th, 1936



The Coming-of-Age Festival of Toc H



HYMN

IMMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all life thou givest—to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but nought changeth thee.
Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine Angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

¶ All will kneel

Let us enter into the silence of God.

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BRETHREN, within this ancient House of God, built to his glory, be mindful of the living fellowship of all who are committed to the spreading of his good news.

In spirit be united now with the whole family of God, at work in great communities and small; in country and in town; in lands beyond the sea; in ships and camps; in the affairs of commerce, industry and state.

Be aware of our unity with all God's family on earth; with those who seek the Light and strive to pass it on; with those too who walk without the Light, not seeing yet the purpose and the love of God.

Know also that we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses who, having served faithfully in their generation, look to us to perfect that which they began.

Therefore, let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

In the presence of this great company it is meet and right that we should ask forgiveness, then offer praise and thanksgiving, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to God's service.

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

FIRST let us call upon our Father to forgive us all those things wherein we have sinned against him :

Our sloth, our self-will, our neglect of him;
Our failure to listen for his voice and to seek his Will;
Our lack of confidence in the way he has shown to the world;
Our softness and lack of courage;
Our smallness of vision;
Our selfish carelessness of thought and life;
Our prejudice, our contempt;
Our failure to learn true fellowship at the feet of the Lord of love.

V. Father, forgive us our sins

R. As we forgive them that sin against us.

ALL : O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed : we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PADRE : May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *All will stand*

AN ACT OF PRAISE

V. We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus 'as Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. Seeing it is God that said 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' who hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

O God, more wonderful in thy perfection than all that we can ever desire or know,

R. We praise thee, and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

V. O God, who hast sent light into darkness showing forth to man thy very self in the life of Jesus Christ,

R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

V. O God, who by thy pure and mighty Spirit dost lift up all men into the heavenly places, that we may live the life which is divine,

R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

V. O God, Creator, Redeemer, Teacher, Source of life and truth and love and power, in whom we live and move and have our being,

R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost :

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

ALL : I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth :

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried : He descended into hell : The third day he rose again from the dead ; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost ; The holy catholick Church ; The communion of saints ; The forgiveness of sins ; The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

HYMN

ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice ;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make ;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto ;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why ? the Lord our God is good :
His mercy is for ever sure ;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.

THE LESSON

¶ *All will kneel*

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

LET us give thanks for all the ways in which this our family has been used by God to reveal him and thus to be an instrument of his kingdom.

THINKING FAIRLY

Let us thank him for the growing honesty and freedom from
prejudice by which we are coming to see men truly;
for the power to cease from judgments which hurt and
hinder;
for the joy of being allowed to enter into the understanding
of others' convictions and hopes;
for the discipline which enlarges our vision;
for the communion that is stronger than all the things
which divide;

ALL: We thank thee, O God.

LOVING WIDELY

Let us thank God for the enrichment of life in the winning
of new and in the proving of old friendships;
for the growing use of conciliation in our personal and social
affairs;
for the overcoming of our fear of those who are different
from us in age, in temper, in class and in sex;
for the increasing confidence we have that love stands the
test of crises;
for the creation of those ties of friendship which neither
death nor life can break;
for the growing sense that our family is united and that
all men and women are God's children;

ALL: We thank thee, O God.

WITNESSING HUMBLY

Let us thank God for the discovery anew that it is his task
we are essaying and that it is by his power alone we
can achieve it;
for the victory over pride in our own ability and achieve-
ment;
for the assurance that God does use us;
for the patience that possesses us as we wait for God's time
and answer his call;

ALL: We thank thee, O God.

BUILDING BRAVELY

Let us thank God for the hope that is living in us that the
world shall be saved into the freedom and joy of his
home;
for the certainty that we can never be defeated;
for the power of God which overrules our mistakes;
for the confidence that God is leading us, that his kingdom
is at hand and that under the banner of his Son we
may win the world;

ALL : We thank thee, O God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

RISE up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait;
Her strength shall make your spirit strong,
Her service make you great.

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod,
As brothers of the Son of Man
Rise up, O men of God!

THE ADDRESS

BY THE REVEREND F. E. FORD.

LET US PRAY

O BLESSED Lord Jesus Christ, who didst bid thy disciples stand with their loins girt and their lamps burning, be with us at this hour. Here we dedicate ourselves to thee anew. Help us to gird up our loins to run the race that is set before us with redoubled vigour and fresh vision. Teach us how to trim our lamps that they burn not dim. Guide us to the constant recollection that the candle of the Lord is the spirit of man. And by thy risen power make us a power in the world, for thine own merit's sake. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy Word, that the hearts of kings are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom: We humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of EDWARD thy servant, our King and Governor, that, in all his thoughts, words, and works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness: Grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE BLESSING

*A Collection for general Festival expenses will be taken
at the doors.*





